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Supervisors to Consider Ordinance to Address Foreclosed Homes

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday will consider an ordinance proposed by First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt that would require mortgage holders to maintain properties after foreclosures.

“Unfortunately, many foreclosed homes are abandoned and neglected, which creates blight in our neighborhoods and leads to crime and lower property values,” said Mitzelfelt. “Mortgage holders should be held to the same standards as residents.”

The ordinance would require foreclosed homes to be registered with the County and would require that things such as weeds, trash, graffiti, broken windows and pools be properly addressed. If unaddressed, the county could abate the violations and seek reimbursement and civil penalties from the mortgage holder.

There were more than 8,200 foreclosures in the County last year and there were more than 4,400 foreclosures just in the first three months of this year. The Inland Empire region currently has the second highest foreclosure rate in the nation.